

Minutes of the February 11, 2019 - Special School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a special session on February 11, 2019, at 5:02 p.m. at the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road, Coppell, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President Tracy Fisher.

Members present: Tracy Fisher, President; David Caviness, Vice-President; Leigh Walker, Secretary; Manish Sethi, Anthony Hill and Nichole Bentley

Members Absent: Thom Hulme

A quorum was present.

Notice of this meeting was posted on February 7, 2019, at 9:26 a.m.

Staff present: Brad Hunt, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Administrative Assistant; Kristen Streeter, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services; Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Angie Applegate, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Kathy Creek, Director of Student Systems; Deana Dynis, Executive Director of Teaching & Learning; and Amanda Simpson, Director of Communications

Bob Templeton of Templeton Demographics attended the meeting.

The topic of discussion for the meeting was boundary realignment. Superintendent Hunt reviewed the timeline for the boundary realignment process. Trustees clarified their objectives to establish their top priorities. Information regarding community input was presented by Amanda Simpson, Director of Communications.

Sid Grant, Associate Superintendent, provided information on the District's efforts to obtain land in the southern part of the district near Highway 114 in order to build an elementary school (close to the Bridges, Parkside West, Parkside East and Stonegate communities). When the district became aware of the number of single-family homes being built in this area of Irving, they began discussions with the developer regarding the purchase of twelve acres of land in order to build an elementary school. The developer felt confident the homes in this four-quadrant area would sell without an elementary school located nearby. In addition, the price eventually proposed for an elementary school site was almost double the market value of the land at that time. The District continued negotiations with the developer and one of the homebuilders, but they were not willing to sell land to the District.

Elementary Plan A2 was reviewed, and the following modifications were proposed:

- Town Creek Apartments would be zoned to attend Austin Elementary
- One-half of the Pre-K and PPCD program would be moved from Austin Elementary
- South Haven neighborhood would attend Austin Elementary

This revision would move fewer students and would not affect middle school plans. The modified plan was labeled “A3.” Pinkerton Elementary remains a choice school, and admission would be handled through an online lottery system in order to provide equal opportunity.

Middle School Plans B and B3 were also discussed. The recommendation of CISD Administration is Elementary Plan A3 and Middle School Plan B3. The Board of Trustees will consider and adopt final proposals at the regular meeting to be held on February 25, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Tracy Fisher, Board President

Leigh Walker, Secretary

Approved on February 25, 2019